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# Rep. Herlong Advises Probe Of Financing Of Ramparts

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WASHINGTON — "Ramparts" magazine has lifted the lid on a noisy controversy over the secret direction of Central Intelligence Agency funds to private foundations including the National Student Association

and President Johnson has named a three-man group to investigate the funding.

But Florida Democratic Congressman A. Sydney Herlong of Leesburg, thinks it might be better to investigate "where the money comes from to print a magazine like 'Ramparts.'"

The outspoken Congressman was quick to slam at the muckraking Catholic magazine, published in San Francisco and at a financial loss (about \$400,000 last year according to the New York Times).

"I don't think any magazine should control our CIA and obviously the money to finance it is coming from some subversive force," Herlong said Monday.

"Ramparts" kicked off the blast of stories on CIA undercover funding activities with advertisements in the New York Times and Washington Post about a story in the March issue of the magazine outlining CIA financing of the U.S. National Student Association for 15 years.

The NSA is the country's largest federation of student governments on more than 300 campuses.

Present and past officers of the student organization have confirmed the financial assistance from the CIA in news stories that have received wide play in the Washington Post and New York Times.

And the newspapers have expanded the probe far beyond the magazine's efforts.

Now included are charges that CIA funds have gone to groups like the American Newspaper Guild and a variety of foundations who then pumped the money into other organizations.

The organizations who finally received the funds apparently often were unaware of their CIA beginnings.

It is this covert aspect that

prompted Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) Sunday to call for a special investigation of the funding although not of the investigative functions of the CIA.

Said Herlong:

"As long as these students didn't know where the money was coming from they were not inhibited in speaking what they thought. What could be wrong with that? In fact, we had no guarantee what view some of these students might express. This was just an expression of confidence in the youth of America. Of course, now with all these stories, this will stop money going to the student group.

Herlong said, regarding President Johnson's call for a study of the situation by three high level government officials (including CIA Director Richard Helms):

"I guess it is necessary to satisfy the 'new left' who are so far left, they are in foul territory."

The magazine's publisher and largest stockholder is Edward M. Keating, a wealthy convert to Catholicism.

According to the New York Times, the magazine's management is willing to identify stockholders but not the size of their holdings. The editor describes Rampart's efforts as "intellectual muckraking."